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Market Alerts

LETTUCE LEAF & ROMAINE The prolonged heat in central California's lettuce fields has finally impacted supplies of head lettuce, particularly **Iceberg**. Pricing is higher than normal, and quality is fair.

ASPARAGUS Harvest and imports have improved slightly on all sizes of Asparagus. Pricing remains higher than normal, with good quality reported. **Pencil** and **Standard** sizes are the best value

ORANGES Supplies of **Valencia Oranges** are extremely short, and pricing is far higher than normal on most **Choice** and **Fancy** grade product. The shortage is expected to continue well into autumn, until the **Navel** crop comes in. Please consider **Apples** or **Pears** as a hand fruit option.

TOMATOES Pricing is higher than normal due to the combined impact of Hurricanes Irma and Kita, and the excessive heat in Central California. **Roma** and **5x6 or smaller Round tomatoes** are the best values, and **Cherries** are a better buy than **Grapes**.

BROCCOLI / CAULIFLOWER Harvests are very light due to the prolonged heat in central California. Quality is fair, pricing is much higher than normal on all pack sizes and cuts, and orders may be shorted. Consider using **Kale** or **Green Beans** as an alternative.

A Peek at Peak Seasons

Melons: Quality and pricing is still very good on all melons.

Autumn Squash: With cooler weather approaching, it's the perfect time to highlight hard (autumn) Squash on your menus. Butternut, Delicata, Carnival, Acorn and Spaghetti are all great options.

Apples: It's peak Apple season, with all your favorite autumn varieties such as Honeycrisp, Lady, Jona Gold, Red Rome and more. Ask your distributor for recommendations!

Pears: Bartlett and Red Pears are at peak harvest out of Washington, along with in California and New York. It's the perfect time of year to use them for hand fruit and recipes.

Bell Peppers: Green, Red, Yellow and other colored Bell Peppers continue to be a very good buy, with great quality and pricing.

Weather Update

California: Temperatures are expected to remain above average, with fairly dry conditions.

Mexico: All regions will remain warmer than normal, with South and Central Mexico having a rainy week.

Florida: Temperatures will cool to a seasonal level as the week progresses, with heavy rains expected in the southern half of the state.



Commodities at a Glance

 APPLES	New crop product is beginning, with Gala being the most plentiful. Local product is available in Michigan and New York.
 ASPARAGUS	Quality is good to fair; pricing is much higher on all sizes.
 AVOCADO	Pricing remains much higher than normal, quality is good to fair.
 BELL PEPPERS	Quality is good, with Green Peppers being the best buy.
 BERRIES (BLACKBERRIES)	Quality and pricing are fair.
 BERRIES (BLUEBERRIES)	Quality is good, pricing is fair.
 BERRIES (RASPBERRIES)	Quality and pricing are good.
 BERRIES (STRAWBERRIES)	Quality and pricing are good.
 BROCCOLI	Quality is fair; pricing is higher; product is limited.
 BRUSSELS SPROUTS	Quality is fair; pricing is higher than normal.
 CARROTS	Quality is good, pricing is higher.
 CAULIFLOWER	Quality is fair; pricing is higher.

 CELERY	Quality and pricing are good.
 CITRUS (LEMONS)	Quality is good, pricing may be higher on certain sizes.
 CITRUS (LIMES)	Quality and pricing are good.
 CITRUS (ORANGES)	Quality is good, supplies are very limited, pricing is extremely high.
 CUCUMBERS	Quality and pricing are good.
 EGGPLANT	Quality and pricing are good.
 GARLIC	Quality is fair; pricing is higher.
 GRAPES (GREEN)	Quality is good, pricing is fair.
 GRAPES (RED)	Quality is good, pricing is fair.
 GREEN ONIONS	Quality is fair; pricing is good.
 KALE	Quality and pricing are good.
 LETTUCE ICEBERG	Quality is fair; pricing is higher.

 LETTUCE LEAF	Quality is fair; pricing is higher.
 MELON (CANTALOUPE)	Quality and pricing are very good.
 MELON (HONEYDEW)	Quality and pricing are very good.
 MELON (WATERMELON)	Quality and pricing are very good.
 ONIONS	Quality and pricing are good.
 PEARS	Quality and pricing are good.
 PINEAPPLES	Quality and pricing are good.
 POTATOES	New crop product is available, quality and pricing are good.
 POTATOES (COLORED)	Quality and pricing are good.
 SQUASH	Quality is fair to good, pricing is higher.
 STONE FRUIT	The season is ending early. Quality is fair and pricing is higher.
 TOMATOES	Quality is fair to good, pricing is higher. Cherries, Romas and small Rounds are the best values.

